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OF A RETAIL ITEM AND METHOD OF USING SAME

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**AMENDMENT D**

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 27, 2004 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 28, 2005. This response is filed within the statutory period.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.